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Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR DELIVERY OF INTRALUMINAL PROSTHESES

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2003, in the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following Remarks.

I. REMARKS

Claims 2, 6-12, 15-17 and 39-41 were pending in the application. The Examiner stated that claims 2, 6-12, and 15-17 are allowable but rejected claims 39-41.

First of all, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating allowance of claims 2, 6-12, and 15-17. The Examiner's rejection of claims 39-41 is addressed below.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 39-41 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Engelson (USPN 5,261,916). Applicant respectfully disagrees.